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Cooperation between the United Nations and the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 54/10 of 26 October 1999, by which it granted observer status to the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries and considered it mutually advantageous to provide for cooperation between the United Nations and the Community, as well as its resolutions 59/21 of 8 November 2004, 61/223 of 20 December 2006, 63/143 of 11 December 2008, 65/139 of 16 December 2010 and 67/252 of 26 March 2013,

Recalling also the Articles of the Charter of the United Nations, in particular of Chapter VIII, that encourage activities through regional cooperation for the promotion of the purposes and principles of the United Nations, and Security Council resolution 1809 (2008) of 16 April 2008 on peace and security in Africa,

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Considering that the activities of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries complement and support the work of the United Nations, and taking into account in that regard the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations,[1]

Considering also the relevance of the Portuguese language in international affairs, unifying 240 million people in nine countries and four continents, and noting the political commitment of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries to promote the Portuguese language in international and regional organizations, including the United Nations and its specialized agencies, funds and programmes,

Welcoming the celebration of Portuguese Language Day, 5 May 2015, by the States members of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries in New York,

Highlighting the commitment demonstrated by the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries in addressing the issue of food and nutrition security, namely, through the work of the Food and Nutritional Security Council of the Community and the campaign "Together against Hunger",

Noting the convening of the second International Conference on the Future of the Portuguese Language in the World System, held in Lisbon from 29 to 31 October 2013, and acknowledging the importance of the adoption of the Lisbon Action Plan, which, together with the Brasilia Action Plan, defines a global strategy for the promotion and diffusion of the Portuguese language,

Expressing appreciation for the work consistently carried out by the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries in the achievement of its three broad objectives: diplomatic and political dialogue, cooperation in all areas and promotion of the Portuguese language,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the final declaration of the tenth Conference of Heads of State and Government of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries, held in Dili on 23 July 2014, on the theme "The Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries and globalization", in which the Community recognized the need to create better coordination in economic and commercial areas;

2. *Welcomes* the adoption by the Council of Ministers of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries, at its eighteenth ordinary meeting, held in Maputo on 18 July 2013, of a resolution regarding the promotion and protection of human rights within the Community;

3. *Notes* the admission of Equatorial Guinea as the ninth State member of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries and of Georgia, Japan, Namibia Turkey as the new associate members, during the tenth Conference of Heads of State and Government of the Community;

4. *Stresses* the importance of continuing to strengthen the cooperation between the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries and United Nations specialized agencies and other entities and programmes, in particular the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Food and Agriculture

[1] A/69/228-S/2014/560.

Organization of the United Nations, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the International Labour Organization, the International Organization for Migration, the World Intellectual Property Organization, the World Health Organization and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS;

5. *Welcomes* the return of Guinea-Bissau to constitutional order, in this regard congratulates the people of Guinea-Bissau on holding peaceful, free and fair elections and the democratically elected authorities for the achievements made, and in that context recalls Security Council resolution 2203 (2015) of 18 February 2015 and notes the active engagement of the Secretary-General and his Special Representative for Guinea-Bissau, as well as of international bilateral and multilateral partners, in particular the African Union, the Economic Community of West African States, the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries and the European Union, in assisting the national authorities in their efforts to consolidate the constitutional order, to implement security sector, political and economic reforms, to combat drug trafficking and to fight impunity, and recognizes the role of the Peacebuilding Commission and the United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau in this regard;

6. *Also welcomes* the reactivation, on 18 November 2014, of the International Contact Group on Guinea-Bissau as a prime example of cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Community of West African States and the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries to the benefit of the people of Guinea-Bissau, and notes with satisfaction the successful holding of the international conference that took place in Brussels on 25 March 2015, co-hosted by the Government of Guinea-Bissau, the European Union and the United Nations Development Programme, which reaffirmed the support of the international community for the country's efforts in strengthening its democratic institutions and moving towards sociopolitical stability, reconciliation and economic development;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventy-first session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

8. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-first session, under the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations", the sub-item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries".